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The reply filed on 6/11/09 is not fully responsive to the prior restriction requirement because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): while applicant has elected a group (Group II) applicant has not elected a unique species for the condition treated (see last paragraph of page 3 of the restriction requirement of 5/12/09). It is noted that a telephone call was previously made to applicants representative for the election of species but no election was made (see 5/12/09). As set forth in the 5/12/09 correspondence if claims 125-126 are found allowable then rejoinder will take place and an election of patient population for the method claims is necessary to conduct an appropriate search. If applicants do not want rejoinder they should cancel all method claims making the election of species for the condition treated moot. Otherwise applicants should elect a unique species for the condition treated. As set forth on page 5 of the restriction requirement (dated 5/12/09) if applicants traverse that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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